

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2019, 7:00 PM
 City Council Chamber, City Hall-93 Highland Avenue

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OPENING OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Ward Seven City Councilor Katjana Ballantyne.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Stephanie Hirsch	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Wilfred N. Mbah	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Mary Jo Rossetti	City Councilor At Large	Present	
William A. White Jr.	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Ward One City Councilor	Present	
Jefferson Thomas ("J.T.") Scott	Ward Two City Councilor	Present	
Ben Ewen-Campen	Ward Three City Councilor	Present	
Jesse Clingan	Ward Four City Councilor	Present	
Mark Niedergang	Ward Five City Councilor	Present	
Lance L. Davis	Ward Six City Councilor	Present	
Katjana Ballantyne	Ward Seven City Councilor	Present	

1. Roll Call (ID:22093) Call of the Roll.

	Councilor Hirsch sponsored a moment of silence for Tony Costa, Jr., Edward Holmes and Lt. Jason Minard. Councilor Rossetti sponsored a moment of silence for Helen Latanowich.
RESULT:	PLACED ON FILE

2. Minutes (ID:22094) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 10, 2019.

	RESULT: APPROVED
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PUBLIC HEARINGS

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| 3. | Grant of Location
209180
(ID:22045) | Submitted by Comcast to install 75 feet of conduit in Winter Street from Pole 3 to a point of pickup at 17 Holland Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Dave Flewelling with Comcast discussed the work to be completed. Councilor Rossetti asked that as a condition of the permit, Comcast must remove any dead lines from the poles as they install new ones. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS</p> <p>CONDITION: Comcast must remove all dead lines from Pole 3.</p> |
| 4. | Withdrawn
209181
(ID:22086) | Withdrawn. |
| | | <p>RESULT: WITHDRAWN</p> |
| 5. | Grant of Location
209182
(ID:22038) | Submitted by Eversource to install 96 feet of conduit in Chester Avenue from Pole 64/1 to a new pedestal near 5 Chester Avenue, to provide service to the GLX Community Path. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 6. | Grant of Location
209183
(ID:22096) | Submitted by Eversource to install 8 feet of conduit in Avon Street from Pole 20/7 to a point of pickup at 117 Summer Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Jacqueline Duffy with Eversource discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| 7. | Grant of Location
209184
(ID:22046) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing pole on the intersection of 97 Gilman Street and Jasper Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

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8. Grant of Location 209185 (ID:22030) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a wireless small cell antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 64 Rush Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. Resident Brian Kelly said there wasn't a lot of public notice prior to this request for a small cell antenna. One is going up right outside his house and another is by his neighbor. There was no adequate notification of these installations. Councilor Rossetti noted that the three abutters that received a mailing from the City Clerk's Office do reside in Somerville. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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9. Grant of Location 209186 (ID:22039) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 10 Flint Avenue.
- The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. An unidentified speaker asked if these new towers are for 5G service. Ms. Ferrante clarified that Extenet is not proposing 5G service at any of the locations. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
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10. Grant of Location 209187 (ID:22040) Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 59 Dartmouth Street.
- The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. Resident Mary Keane said she strongly opposes this location, as it is directly outside her bedroom window, and could be an issue if she tries to sell her home. Resident Brian Kelly said the pole is beyond the 12 feet suggested, but he doesn't feel that's enough, as there are a lot health concerns connected to these antennas. He asked why these facilities are necessary. Councilor Rossetti said that the Council's hands are tied by the FCC, which is of the opinion that there is no health risk with these types of technologies. Councilor Clingan asked the significance of this particular pole at 59 Dartmouth St., and Ms. Ferrante responded that all carriers monitor performance and identify areas that require more capacity. It's then up to what poles the utility company will allow to be used; most often there are no alternatives. She said she would see if anything can be done about this proposed installation, and suggested this item go to a Committee until further information can be obtained. Councilor Rossetti said the item can't go to Committee because the FCC-mandated 90-day shot clock on action has expired. Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro asked Ms. Ferrante if the company would grant an extension, and she agreed to do so. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.
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FOLLOWUP: City Council
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| 11. | Grant of Location
209188
(ID:22041) | Submitted by ExteNet Systems to install a small cell wireless antenna and related equipment on an existing utility pole near 124 Walnut Street. |
| | | <p>The President opened the public hearing. Rosanna Ferrante with Extenet discussed the work to be completed. With no other speakers, the President closed the public hearing.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

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| 12. | Order
209189
(ID:22047) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of Parking install the respective missing street signs at the intersection of North Street and Powderhouse Blvd. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee</p> |

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| 13. | Ordinance
209190
(ID:22058) | By City Councilor Niedergang
Proposing an amendment to Tree Preservation Ordinance 12-102 - Definitions, to add to the definition of Invasive Plant the following sentence: "However, Norway Maples and other trees larger than 24" diameter at breast height shall not be considered Invasive Plants." |
| | | <p>Councilor Niedergang said that a number of neighbors have complained that large trees on private property near their houses are being cut down. The City Arborist told him that these trees were Norway Maples, an invasive species considered to be weed trees, and not included in the Tree Preservation Ordinance regardless of how big they are. Councilor Niedergang submitted this Ordinance because he believes that trees of a certain size, regardless of their species, have tremendous value in our neighborhoods.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee</p> |

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| 14. | Order
209191
(ID:22059) | By City Councilor Niedergang, Hirsch
That the Director of Inspectional Services and/or the Director of Engineering report to this Council how the construction of driveways with pervious surfaces is inspected to ensure that the subsurface has been correctly installed so precipitation is absorbed. |
| | | <p>Councilor Niedergang said that inspection of pervious services is needed to insure they're installed properly, to prevent water runoff. Councilor Scott noted that the City currently seems to lack the ability to inspect this and other kinds of work, including any subsurface installations and street repairs. He said in one case, a building foundation was poured in the wrong location.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Utilities and Public Works Committee</p> |

15. Resolution 209192 (ID:22061) By City Councilor Niedergang, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Davis, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Mbah, Ballantyne, Rossetti
That the Mayor submit 3 candidates for appointment to the Planning Board as soon as possible, to fill an empty position and to replace the 2 members who have been serving at the Mayor's pleasure since this Council voted overwhelmingly to not reappoint them in August 2018.

RESULT: APPROVED

16. Communication 209193 (ID:22060) By City Councilor Niedergang
Reporting on decisions of the Traffic Commission for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2019.

Councilor Niedergang reported there will be a public hearing, co-sponsored by this Council's Traffic and Parking Committee and the Traffic Commission, to consider the Broadway Bus and Bike lanes, on Monday, December 9 at 6 PM in the City Hall's Council Chamber. He also reported that the Mobility Division submitted about 50 streets in Winter Hill and Ten Hills to be designated 20 MPH safety zones.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

17. Resolution 209194 (ID:22066) By City Councilor Mbah, Davis, White Jr., Niedergang, Hirsch, Rossetti, Ballantyne, Ewen-Campen, McLaughlin
Affirming Somerville's commitment to our asylum-seeking residents and condemning the Federal Administrative Decision undermining asylum protection for survivors of domestic violence.

Councilor Mbah said this Resolution is to condemn the Federal Government's Act denying people from seeking asylum as victims of domestic violence. Councilor Mbah sponsored Zachary Alban, an Attorney with the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program, to present and speak on the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED

18. Order 209195 (ID:22062) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering, the Director of SPCD, and the Commissioner of Public Works prioritize fixing the roads from Clarendon Hill Towers to Stop and Shop, including better lights for crossing the streets and auditory noises for people with limited vision.

Councilor Mbah thanked the residents of Clarendon Hill Towers for their suggestions to improve mobility in the neighborhood.

RESULT: APPROVED

19. Order 209196 (ID:22063) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Director of Engineering and the Director of SPCD work with the State Delegation to install a left turn only green light, or a delayed green light, at the intersection of Alewife Brook Parkway and Broadway, to alleviate traffic turning left from Alewife Brook Parkway onto Broadway going towards Somerville.

RESULT: APPROVED

20. Order 209197 (ID:22064) By City Councilor Mbah, Ballantyne
That the Commissioner of Public Works collaborate with the MBTA to install a bright light at the Clarendon Hill bus stop.

RESULT: APPROVED

21. Order 209198 (ID:22065) By City Councilor Mbah
That the Director of Engineering and the Commissioner of Public Works submit a plan to repair the bricks on the streets in Davis Square.

RESULT: APPROVED

22. Ordinance 209199 (ID:22067) By City Councilor White Jr.
Proposing an amendment to Ordinance 2-123 - Prosecution of Legal Proceedings, to add a new last sentence: "Such notice shall include the name(s) of the plaintiff(s), a description of the nature of the claims brought by the plaintiff(s), and the amount of damages and any other relief sought by the plaintiff(s)."

Councilor White suggested that the Council should specify the information required in the City Solicitor's notices of legal proceedings.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

23. Order 209200 (ID:22068) By City Councilor White Jr., Clingan
That the Commissioner of Public Works work with the appropriate state agencies to remove the trash that has been dumped between Route 93 and the Boat House, and repair the hole in the fence separating Route 93 and the Boat House.

RESULT: APPROVED

24. Order 209201 (ID:22069) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Scott, Clingan, Ballantyne, Davis, Niedergang, Rossetti, Hirsch, Mbah, White Jr. That the Director of SPCD explicitly encourage real estate developers to pursue net zero building standards during "pre-submittal" meetings with the Planning staff.
- Councilor McLaughlin recused.
Councilor Ewen-Campen said that one of our top priorities is to become carbon neutral and a big step to make sure that gas lines are not installed in new construction.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee
25. Order 209202 (ID:22070) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Administration inform this Council whether any official or unofficial communications channels exist between Somerville and ICE, in light of recent revelations of frequent communications between the Boston Police and ICE regarding "low-level offenses like trespassing and shoplifting." (See attached media report.)
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee
26. Order 209203 (ID:22071) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Chief of Police report to this Council on the balance of funds in the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, annual income from Civil Asset Forfeiture, and annual spending over the past 5 years.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
27. Order 209204 (ID:22072) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD inform the Ward 3 City Councilor and the High School Parking Working Group of any parking data or studies conducted specifically related to parking needs at the Central Library.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
28. Order 209205 (ID:22073) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen That the Director of SPCD report to this Council the ten largest lots outside of the proposed "Transform" districts and outside of any "Neighborhood Plans" that are likely to come up for redevelopment in the next several years, so that special attention may be given to their redevelopment.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

29. Order 209206 (ID:22074) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Clingan
That the Director of Engineering keep the Ward 3 and Ward 4 City Councilors apprised of progress on constructing a "Weir Wall" to help alleviate flooding on Richdale Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Flood Forum Special Committee

30. Order 209207 (ID:22075) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen, Rossetti, Clingan
That the GLX Liaison and other Administration officials do everything in their power to reduce the amount and volume of overnight GLX construction noise, which is affecting the sleep, well-being, and public health of the surrounding neighborhoods.

RESULT: APPROVED

31. Order 209208 (ID:22076) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works repaint the STOP HERE line on Central Street on the northern side of the intersection with Somerville Avenue.

Councilor Ewen-Campen requested to waive the readings of items 31 and 32 and refer them to the Traffic and Parking Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

32. Order 209209 (ID:22077) By City Councilor Ewen-Campen
That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the damaged curb ramp mats at the intersection of Highland Avenue and Central Street.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Traffic and Parking Committee

33. Resolution 209210 (ID:22078) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration report on whether the Neighborhood Impact Team continues to operate, and, if it does not, how its goals are pursued in other ways.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

34. Order 209211 (ID:22079) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD explain how the ownership for priority applicants for adult-use marijuana licenses is defined and monitored, at both the point of licensing application and after licensing.

RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

35. Order 209212 (ID:22080) By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Director of SPCD consider ways to rate each proposed development based on its likely impact on measures of community health and well-being such as affordability, revenue, environmental health, traffic, flooding, and others.

Councilor Hirsch requested the Director of SPCD consider ways to evaluate proposed developments based on their impact on the community; that is whether they will take away open space, cause flooding, create affordable housing, etc. Councilor White warned that the Planning Board and Zoning Boards are independent bodies, and there is only so much that this Council can do to influence their decisions.

RESULT: APPROVED

FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

36. Resolution 209213 (ID:22083) By City Councilor Hirsch
Thanking the Police and Public Works Departments for their safety and community building efforts on Halloween.

RESULT: APPROVED

37. Communication 209214 (ID:22082) By City Councilor Hirsch
Providing results of the 2019 Block Party Challenge.

Councilor Hirsch reported that there were 63 block parties in total this year.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

38. Communication 209215 (ID:22081) By City Councilor Hirsch
Providing an update on the SomerVision Housing Working Group.

Councilor Hirsch reported that there is a meeting on November 18 in which they will try to finalize the metrics and goals for housing and open space.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

39. Communication 209216 (ID:22084) By City Councilor Hirsch
Providing an update on the work of the Community Cabinet.

Councilor Hirsch reminded the Council that she is its appointee on the Community Cabinet, which coordinates a variety of services to children, families, and other vulnerable people.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 40. License/Permit 209120 (ID:21893) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Master Used Cars, 121 Prospect St.

Councilor Rossetti requested this item be approved with a copy sent to the Licenses and Permits Committee to follow up with this licensee on an issue of concern.

RESULT: APPROVED

The item was Approved by the Council on 10/24/19, but reconsideration was moved by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25/19. Reconsideration was approved, and the item was approved with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

- 41. License/Permit 209128 (ID:21946) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Somerville Motors, 182 Washington St.

Councilor Rossetti requested this item be approved with a copy sent to the Licenses and Permits Committee to follow up with this licensee on an issue of concern.

RESULT: APPROVED

The item was Approved by the Council on 10/24/19, but reconsideration was moved by Councilor Rossetti on 10/25/19. Reconsideration was approved, and the item was approved with a copy to the Licenses and Permits Committee for follow-up.

FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

42. CAUCUS OF THE 2020 CITY COUNCIL

- A. Committee Report 209217 (ID:22088) Report of the Caucus of the 2020 City Council, meeting on November 14, 2019.

City Clerk John Long reported that the Caucus of the 2020 City Council met at 6:30 PM this evening and took two actions. 1) a non-binding vote that unanimously elected the only candidate nominated, Councilor Matthew McLaughlin, as President of the 2020 City Council, and 2) a non-binding vote that unanimously elected the only candidate nominated, Councilor Mary Jo Rossetti, as Vice President of the 2020 City Council.

RESULT: APPROVED

43. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209218
(ID:22011) | Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters, meeting on November 4, 2019. |
| | | <p>Councilor Scott reported that the Committee appointed several candidates to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities who had already been serving but due to an oversight, had not been formally appointed. The Committee also discussed the Police Cadet Program and a proposal to add expertise from the Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change to the Planning Board and Design Review Committee. Finally, the Committee considered renewing several Constable appointments, and decided to await a report from the Police Department on their status.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request
209088
(ID:21953) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bonnie Denis to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| C. | Mayor's Request
209089
(ID:21959) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Finn Gardner to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| D. | Mayor's Request
209090
(ID:21960) | Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Brian Postlewaite to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

44. FINANCE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209219
(ID:22015) | Report of the Committee on Finance, meeting on November 12, 2019. |
| | | <p>Councilor White reported on the various items for which the Committee recommended approval, including the taking by eminent domain of 217 Somerville Avenue for the creation of neighborhood open space. Councilor Hirsch noted that she would like to see affordable housing created at 217 Somerville Avenue, along with a smaller open space. Councilor White stated that the bond language specifies an open space use only, and Councilor Ewen-Campen concurred that taking this property makes it subject to Chapter 97, which states that it cannot be used for anything but open space.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |
| B. | Mayor's Request
208938
(ID:21742) | Requesting acceptance of a \$50,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of 2 all-terrain vehicles. |
| | | <p>RESULT: APPROVED</p> |

C.	Mayor's Request 209008 (ID:21486)	Requesting the adoption of MGL Chapter 200A, Section 9A, regarding the disposition of abandoned funds.	RESULT: APPROVED
D.	Mayor's Request 209015 (ID:21795)	Requesting approval to pay prior year invoices from Home Depot totaling \$4,732.72 using available funds in the Department of Public Works Fleet Division and Highway Division Accounts for under-funded Home Depot purchases in June.	RESULT: APPROVED
E.	Mayor's Request 209016 (ID:21757)	Requesting acceptance of a \$236,976.00 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 personnel costs.	RESULT: APPROVED
F.	Mayor's Request 209017 (ID:21758)	Requesting acceptance of a \$80,749.62 grant with no new match required, from the State E911 Office to the Police Department for 911 training and emergency medical dispatch services.	RESULT: APPROVED
G.	Mayor's Request 209018 (ID:21733)	Requesting acceptance of a \$77,047.27 grant that requires a match, from the Department of Homeland Security to the Fire Department for active shooter/hostile event training.	RESULT: APPROVED
H.	Mayor's Request 209019 (ID:21759)	Requesting acceptance of a \$24,500 grant with no new match required, from the State 911 Office to the Police Department to fund E911 emergency medical dispatch services.	RESULT: APPROVED
I.	Officer's Communication 209095 (ID:21853)	City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss settlement of a pending claim, pursuant to SCO Section 2-124	RESULT: PLACED ON FILE
J.	Mayor's Request 209159 (ID:21942)	Requesting the adoption of an Order of Taking for the acquisition of 217 Somerville Ave for the creation of neighborhood open space.	RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 1] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne NAYS: Hirsch ABSENT: Niedergang

K.	Mayor's Request 209160 (ID:21949)	Requesting an appropriation and authorization to borrow \$1,400,000 in a bond for the acquisition of 217 Somerville Ave for the creation of neighborhood open space.
		RESULT: APPROVED. [9 TO 1] AYES: Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Davis, Ballantyne NAYS: Hirsch ABSENT: Niedergang

45. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

A.	Committee Report 209220 (ID:22012)	Report of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, meeting on November 6, 2019.
		<p>Councilor Ewen-Campen reported that the Committee received an update on the Universal Affordable Housing Wait List, which is now called the Consolidated Wait List. It's just for inclusionary rental housing opportunities. It's not for the Somerville Housing Authority, or ownership opportunities, or anything created through non-profit partners. The Committee also discussed minority owned businesses and how the City can support them.</p> RESULT: APPROVED

B.	Order 199126 (ID:11760)	By City Councilor Niedergang, Rossetti, Ballantyne That the Director of Health and Human Services report to this Board on the increase in homeless families and unaccompanied homeless minors, the work of the Homelessness Task Force, and the possible need for city resources to serve them.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

C.	Order 204377 (ID:17109)	By City Councilor Niedergang, Davis, Connolly, and the Entire Board That the Superintendent of Inspectional Services and the City Solicitor appear at this Board's November 9, 2017 meeting to discuss why developers have gotten building permits without meeting pre-conditions specified in zoning decisions, how the City can more effectively monitor projects for compliance with zoning conditions and other requirements, and what fines and penalties can be levied to deter future violations.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

D.	Officer's Communication 204405 (ID:17051)	Superintendent of Inspectional Services responding to #204168 re: stop work orders issued over the last 2 years.
		RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

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| E. | Officer's Communication
204443
(ID:17165) | Director of SPCD requesting to brief this Board on the Clarendon Hills redevelopment proposal. |
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| F. | Order
204671
(ID:17426) | By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the Director of SPCD discuss with the Ward 7 Alderman the traffic strategy and mitigation options for the new projects around Teele Square. |
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| G. | Order
204995
(ID:17774) | By City Councilor Hirsch, Scott
That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Arts Council Director determine the feasibility of creating a mural (or another graffiti deterrent) on the back side of the Argenziano School. |
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| H. | Resolution
205100
(ID:17859) | By City Councilor Hirsch
That the Administration appear before this Board to discuss a possible Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group. |
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46. LAND USE COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee Report
209221
(ID:22010) | Report of the Committee on Land Use, meeting on October 29, 2019. |
| | | Councilor Davis reported on the items discussed at the meeting. There was a detailed conversation with Planner Dan Bartman about the proposed zoning overhaul which can be found at www.Somervillezoning.com . |
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| B. | Resolution
209222
(ID:22005) | By City Councilor Rossetti
That the Administration advise the Committee on Land Use how compliance with zoning is and will be monitored and enforced post-certificate of occupancy. |
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| | | FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee |

47. LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

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| <p>A. Committee Report 209223 (ID:22014)</p> | <p>Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, meeting on November 7, 2019.</p> | <p>Councilor Niedergang reported that the Committee discussed a number of environmental and sustainability issues. There was an update on tree preservation, and a minor change to the Tree Preservation Ordinance to allow the Tree Warden and Urban Forestry Planner to delegate others to perform their functions when they're not able to do so. The Committee also approved an Ordinance on the deployment of small wireless facilities, and reviewed the City's design standards for such facilities. Members expressed concern about noise and about proximity to houses. The Administration had proposed allowing 55 decibels (what an air conditioner would emit) and a distance of 12 feet (the previous draft had been 10 feet). Councilors Davis and Niedergang both urged lower decibel levels (around 10-40) and a minimum distance of 15 feet. The Committee approved the amended Ordinance with the provision that Assistant City Solicitor David Shapiro would submit revised design standards and an updated Ordinance to the November 14 City Council meeting. Both items were submitted as #209268.</p> <p>RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED</p> <p>AMENDED: #208862 was Placed on File, replaced by #209268, which was then amended and ordained.</p> |
| <p>B. Order 203646 (ID:16335)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor draft a Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by requiring owners of larger buildings to disclose annual energy use.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>C. Order 208668 (ID:21482)</p> | <p>By City Councilor White Jr., Mbah, Hirsch, McLaughlin, Rossetti, Niedergang, Ballantyne, Clingan, Scott, Ewen-Campen
That the Legislative Matters Committee prepare an ordinance to regulate the placement of wireless facilities to the maximum extent permitted by state law.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>D. Order 208680 (ID:21506)</p> | <p>By City Councilor Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., Davis, Ballantyne
That the City Solicitor determine whether the City may draft an ordinance or implement a policy or procedure to address the Black Swallow-wort problem.</p> | <p>RESULT: WORK COMPLETED</p> |
| <p>E. Officer's Communication 208862 (ID:21672)</p> | <p>Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance to regulate Small Wireless Facilities in the Public Right of Way.</p> | <p>This item was replaced by #209268, which was Ordained as Amended.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

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| F. | Public
Communication
208883
(ID:21701) | 2 residents submitting comments re: the deployment of 5G small wireless facilities. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| G. | Resolution
208993
(ID:21809) | By City Councilor Niedergang
That the Administration provide an update on implementation of the Tree Preservation Ordinance, with any recommendations for amendments to make it as effective and enforceable as possible. | RESULT: WORK COMPLETED |
| H. | Ordinance
208994
(ID:21810) | By City Councilor Niedergang
Proposing amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance to allow the Tree Warden and Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner to designate a co-worker to perform their duties and attend, count towards the quorum for, and participate and vote in, the meetings of the Urban Forestry Committee. | RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne |
| I. | Order
209224
(ID:22056) | By City Councilor Davis
That the City Solicitor draft an ordinance to address the Black Swallow-wort problem. | RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Legislative Matters Committee |

48. LICENSES AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
209225
(ID:22013) | Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, meeting on November 6, 2019. | Councilor Rossetti reported that the Committee discussed wage theft, and will reconvene on this topic on December 11.
RESULT: APPROVED |
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49. RODENT ISSUES SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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| A. | Committee
Report
209226
(ID:22016) | Report of the Special Committee on Rodent Issues, meeting on November 13, 2019. | Councilor Hirsch reported that the Committee worked on two questions: how to strengthen the Demolition Ordinance to require more intensive baiting prior to demolition, and how to create more tools to use when there is significant rodent activity on private property.
RESULT: APPROVED |
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- B. Order 208904 (ID:21721) By City Councilor McLaughlin That the Director of Inspectional Services inspect Gilman and Aldrich Streets regularly for trash and other violations that increase rodent activities and report back to the Ward One Councilor on any fines issued.

RESULT: WORK COMPLETED

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

50. Mayor's Request 209227 (ID:22091) Requesting the appropriation of \$2,300,000 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking Meter Receipts Account in order to reduce the FY2020 Tax Levy.

Councilor White requested to waive the reading of item 50 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: City Council

51. Withdrawn 209228 (ID:22021) Withdrawn.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

52. Mayor's Request 209229 (ID:21984) Requesting approval to pay a prior year invoice totaling \$140 using available funds in the Health and Human Services Professional and Technical Services Account for a sign language interpreter.

RESULT: APPROVED

53. Mayor's Request 209230 (ID:22002) Requesting acceptance of a \$400,000 grant that requires a match, from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the SPCD Parks and Urban Forestry Division for the Central Hill Playground.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 53 through 55 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

54. Mayor's Request 209231 (ID:22051) Requesting acceptance of a \$68,000 grant with no new match required, from the Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to the Police Department for the purchase of a K-9 vehicle.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

55. Mayor's Request 209232 (ID:22057) Requesting acceptance of a \$25,600 grant with no new match required, from the MA Emergency Management Agency to the Health and Human Services Department for emergency preparedness equipment trailers and implementation of a live drill to test an emergency dispensing plan.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

56. Mayor's Request 209233 (ID:22004) Requesting approval of \$7,816 Title IIIID grant, with no new matching funds, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services for the Council on Aging, for support of the Health and Wellness program.

RESULT: APPROVED

57. Mayor's Request 209234 (ID:22003) Requesting acceptance of a \$3,000 Title IIIB grant with no new match required, from Somerville Cambridge Elder Services to the Council on Aging for transportation costs.

RESULT: APPROVED

58. Mayor's Request 209235 (ID:22017) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of David Gibbs to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 58 through 60 and refer them to the Confirmation of Appointments Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

59. Mayor's Request 209236 (ID:22018) Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Newton Tedder to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

60. Mayor's Request 209237 (ID:22090) Requesting confirmation of the re-appointment of Aladdine Joroff to the Conservation Commission.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Confirmation of Appointments and Personnel Matters Committee

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| 61. | Mayor's Request
209238
(ID:22009) | Requesting the opportunity to provide this Council an update on Somerville Community Choice Electricity. |
| | | <p>Director of Sustainability and Environment Oliver Sellers-Garcia provided a brief update on Somerville Community Choice Electricity. The current round began in July 2017 ends December 2019. In January 2020 the program will begin a new term with a lower price and twice as much renewable electricity. The default price for participants will be from 10.5 cents per KWH to 10.519 cents per KWH, compared to Eversource's 10.838 cents per KWH. The supplier will change from Dynergy to Direct Energy. The amount of extra renewable local energy will double from 5% to 10%, in addition to the 16% renewable electricity that Eversource provides all customers.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

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| 62. | Officer's Communication
209239
(ID:22000) | Assistant City Solicitor requesting to appear in Executive Session to discuss settlement of a pending claim. |
| | | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 62 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee</p> |
| 63. | Withdrawn
209240
(ID:22020) | Withdrawn. |
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| 64. | Officer's Communication
209241
(ID:21998) | Director of SomerStat responding to #208693 with a citywide heat map of overdoses and improperly disposed needles. |
| | | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 64 and place it on file with a copy to the Public Health and Public Safety Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> <p>FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee</p> |
| 65. | Officer's Communication
209242
(ID:22022) | Director of Sustainability and Environment conveying a recycling education postcard being mailed to residents. |
| | | <p>President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 65 and place it on file. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.</p> <p>RESULT: PLACED ON FILE</p> |

66. Officer's Communication 209243 (ID:22048) Director of Health and Human Services submitting the Rodent Control Report and its Executive Summary, re: rodent activity in East Somerville.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 66 and place it on file with a copy to the Rodent Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Rodent Issues Special Committee

NEW BUSINESS

67. License/Permit 209244 (ID:22029) Public Event License, Jingle Bell 5K Walk/Run, Davis Sq area, Dec 15, 7AM-2PM.
- Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 67 through 78 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

68. License/Permit 209245 (ID:22023) New Drainlayer's License, BSI Engineering Inc.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

69. License/Permit 209246 (ID:22095) Renewing Lodging House License, Alpha Tau Omega, 134 Professors Row.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

70. License/Permit 209247 (ID:22026) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Aris Auto, 3 Craigie St.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

71. License/Permit 209248 (ID:22027) Renewing Used Car Dealer's Class 2 License, Barnes and Walsh, 224 Somerville Ave.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

72. License/Permit 209249 (ID:22028) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Hillside Service Center, 45 Mystic Ave.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

73. License/Permit 209250 (ID:22032) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Enterprises, 308 McGrath Hwy.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

74. License/Permit 209251 (ID:22033) Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Pat's Towing, 160 McGrath Hwy.
- RESULT: APPROVED**

75.	License/Permit 209252 (ID:22034)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Gene Automotive, 56 Joy St. RESULT: APPROVED
76.	License/Permit 209253 (ID:22035)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Simon's Auto Service, 166 Boston Ave. RESULT: APPROVED
77.	License/Permit 209254 (ID:22036)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Teele Sq Auto, 1284 Broadway. RESULT: APPROVED
78.	License/Permit 209255 (ID:22050)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, Tech Auto Body, 9 Union Sq. RESULT: APPROVED
79.	License/Permit 209256 (ID:22085)	Renewing Used Car Dealers License Class 2, John's Auto Sales, 181 Somerville Ave. RESULT: APPROVED FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee
80.	License/Permit 209257 (ID:22024)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, When Pigs Fly, 241 Elm St. Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 80 through 82 and approve them. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: APPROVED
81.	License/Permit 209258 (ID:22025)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Tasting Counter, 14 Tyler St. RESULT: APPROVED
82.	License/Permit 209259 (ID:22031)	Renewing Outdoor Seating License, Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway. RESULT: APPROVED
83.	License/Permit 209260 (ID:22087)	New Flammables License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street, storing 2,500 gallons. Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the readings of items 83 and 84 and refer them to the License and Permit Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved. RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

84. License/Permit 209261 (ID:22089) New Garage License, DW Propco JK LLC, 0 Dawes Street, 118 vehicles inside, none outside, for storing vehicles only.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Licenses and Permits Committee

85. License/Permit 209262 (ID:22055) New Extended Operating Hours License, Oath Craft Pizza, 278 Elm Street, seeking to remain open for in-store, take-out, and delivery service until 1am daily (no alcohol service after 11pm).

Councilor Rossetti requested to waive the reading of item 85 and approve it. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: APPROVED

SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

86. Order 209263 (ID:22100) By City Councilor Hirsch, Davis That this Council consider allowing owner-adjacent short-term rental landlords more flexibility if they provide a predetermined number of days of temporary affordable housing per year at a predetermined charge per day.

Councilor Hirsch said there is a huge need for emergency housing, and allowing Air BnB's to operate freely most of the year in exchange for being available for emergency housing a few months of the year could create that needed housing.
RESULT: APPROVED
FOLLOWUP: Housing and Community Development Committee

87. Order 209264 (ID:22101) By City Councilor Niedergang That the Director of Parking install flashing 20 mph speed limit signs near both ends of Highland Road and at two locations on Morrison Avenue, between Cedar Street and Willow Avenue.

RESULT: APPROVED

88. Mayor's Request 209265 (ID:22054) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 to the Kennedy School Pool Enterprise Fund to replace the pool filter.

Councilor White requested to waive the readings of items 88 and 89 and refer them to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: City Council

89. Mayor's Request 209266 (ID:22001) Requesting approval of a transfer of \$3,000 within SPCD's Economic Development Division, from its Ordinary Maintenance Account to its Personal Services Account, for a temporary fabrication lab door monitor.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION
FOLLOWUP: Finance Committee

90. Officer's Communication 209267 (ID:22102) Assistant City Solicitor requesting approval to settle a pending claim from Skipton Kennels for \$19,998.
- RESULT: APPROVED**
91. Officer's Communication 209268 (ID:22103) Assistant City Solicitor submitting an Ordinance relative to Small Wireless Facilities in the Public Right of Way, as approved by the Legislative Matters Committee on 11/7/19.
- For discussion of this item, see #208862.
- RESULT: ORDINANCE ORDAINED. [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES: Hirsch, Mbah, Rossetti, White Jr., McLaughlin, Scott, Ewen-Campen, Clingan, Niedergang, Davis, Ballantyne
AMENDED: In the Definition of Design Standards, append after the word "facility" the following: ", in accordance with applicable FCC rules and regulations, that are reasonable, no more burdensome than those applied to other types of infrastructure deployments, and objective and published in advance.
92. Officer's Communication 209269 (ID:22105) Planning Board conveying its recommendations re: #208702, requesting adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to supersede the current Zoning Ordinance as originally adopted on March 23, 1990.
- President Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 92 and refer it to the Land Use Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION**
FOLLOWUP: Land Use Committee
93. Officer's Communication 209270 (ID:22099) Parks and Recreation Director responding to #209152 re: Lincoln Park athletic field use, warranty, and quality control.
- Councilor Ballantyne requested to waive the reading of item 93 and place it on file with a copy to the Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.
- RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**
FOLLOWUP: Open Space, Environment and Energy Committee

94. Mayor's Communication 209271 (ID:22104) Conveying the Police Department's After-Action Report on the Boston Straight Pride Parade and counter protest, along with an accompanying memorandum.

Police Chief David Fallon introduced the After-Action Report from the Boston Straight Pride Parade and counter protest on August 31, 2019, which was completed today. This report discussed crowd management practices, the history of the COBRA Unit, mutual aid requests, the reason the Police attended, the collection of relevant videos, and an asset forfeiture revenue table. Councilor Scott asked the Chief to explain the revenue table. The Chief explained that it annual income and expenditures. Councilor Ewen-Campen noted that the Report was accompanied by a memo from the Mayor and the Chief that outlines a number of actions the City wants to take, including implementing body-worn police cameras, fostering community dialogues, and creating a Police Advisory Committee that includes members of the public.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

FOLLOWUP: Public Health and Public Safety Committee

LATE ITEMS

95. Resolution 209272 (ID:22108) By City Councilor Davis That the Administration make detailed information easily available to the public regarding applicants for adult-use cannabis licenses.

Councilor Ballantyne recused.

Councilor Davis requested that the Administration make the applications publicly-accessible online.

RESULT: APPROVED

96. Mayor's Request 209273 (ID:22098) Requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$500,000 to the Engineering Division Capital Outlay Street Repairs Account in order to perform mill and overlay paving of the travel way in prioritized streets.

Councilor White requested to waive the reading of item 96 and refer it to the Finance Committee. There being no opposition, the motion was approved.

RESULT: REFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION

FOLLOWUP: City Council

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:50 PM.